

HO-1073

1443 Woodstock Road  
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

### 2. Location

street and number 1443 Woodstock Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Roy & Martha Clements

street and number 1443 Woodstock Road telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 385 folio 209

city, town Ellicott City tax map 11 tax parcel 23 tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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On the north elevation the first story has a one-over-one sash in the east bay, a door in the east-east-center bay, no opening in the east-center bay, a one-over-one sash in the west-center bay, a door in the west-west-center bay, and a one-over-one sash in the west bay. There is a one-story, shed-roofed porch with six square posts, and it covers all bays and wraps around the west elevation. It has asphalt shingles. The second story has a smaller one-over-one sash in the east, east-center, west-center, and west bays. The two eastern sash are set well back in the wall, suggesting that it, too, is masonry. There is a box cornice.

The west elevation has a one-over-one sash in the north bay, a door in the center, and a small opening in the south bay, which is in the southern extension of this half of the building. The porch extends to the south corner. The second story has no openings in the two northern bays, while the extension to the south has a one-over-one sash. There is a vent in the gable end.

The east elevation has a one-over-one sash in the south bay of the first story and a one-over-one sash in the north bay of the second story, plus a vent in the gable end. The south elevation has a single one-over-one sash centered in each half of the building, on both the first and second stories.

There is a large, modern garage building to the southwest of the house, and a modern shed to the southeast of the garage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates &lt; 1890

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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in the village at this time, and the village was described by an English visitor in 1871: "the little village of Woodstock nestles in a crevice between two hills. Indeed, a poorer apology for a village, or a feebler aspirant for municipal dignities could scarcely be imagined: for its sum total of constituents is a railway station, a post office, a few shanties and a county bridge over the Patapsco." There were also about half a dozen houses along the road running up the hill from the river on the Howard County side.<sup>1</sup>

After Cleary's death, his heirs filed suit in Circuit Court to have the property sold, and in 1890 it was noted: "The sale of the village of Woodstock, Howard county, by Edwin Warfield, trustee, to Frank Parlett, member of the House of Delegates from Baltimore county, has been confirmed. The price of the property sold is \$11,000. Included in the transfer is the stone dwelling built by the late Peter Gorman, father of Hon. A. P. Gorman, and in which the Senator was born. Mr. Parlett proposes to lay off the land in building lots and develop the property." The Gorman house was located on the west side of the road and has been demolished. It can be seen on a plat of the property made prior to the sale, along with a store that stood near the intersection of the road with the railroad, a building near the location of the present-day Woodstock Inn, and two buildings to the southeast of the store. The western of these two buildings is most likely the house at 1443 Woodstock Road. Presumably it was a tenant house for someone working in the village.<sup>2</sup>

Parlett was a Howard County native who had moved to Baltimore County, where he farmed and was active in politics. With the purchase of Woodstock, he apparently moved to the town and became a merchant, tax collector, and county treasurer. Parlett defaulted on the property and it was sold in 1905 to Joseph L. Donovan. He broke off the house at 1443 Woodstock Road from the rest of the property and sold it the following year. It was briefly owned by Artemus and Agnes Cavey before being reacquired by Donovan in 1912, and then sold to his single sister, Mary, in 1917. Whether the house was owner occupied through this period or continued to be a rental is not known. In 1923 Mary Donovan sold the house to Charles and Lula May Biddinger, and it remained with them until 1962, when the present owner acquired it. The house certainly warrants closer investigation to more accurately date it and understand its function and history.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Arthur E. Jones, "Woodstock: Its Surroundings and Associations," in *The Woodstock Letters* (Woodstock, MD: Woodstock College Press, 1873. quoted in Paul J. Travers, *The Patapsco: Baltimore's River of History* (Centreville, MD: Tidewater Publishers, 1990), p. 122.

<sup>2</sup> *Baltimore Sun*, 25 January 1890, Supplement, p.2. Howard County Land Records, JHO 21-481.

<sup>3</sup> *Baltimore Sun*, 1 January 1890, supplement p. 1, col. 6. *Baltimore Sun*, 18 December 1890, supplement p. 2, col. 5.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 8,556 sq. ft.  
Acreage of historical setting 8,556 sq. ft.  
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 11, parcel 23, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	February 2012
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
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1443 Woodstock Road  
Ellicott City quad

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1443 Woodstock Road  
Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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North & west elevations

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East & north elevations



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North-west elevations

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East + north elevations

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